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EASTERN SHORE NURSERIES

AND FRUIT FARM

DENTON, CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

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TERMS CASH

Fall digging and packing extends from November 1st to middle of December—sometimes later, owing to weather. Spring operations from March 1st to April 10th.

Where stock is packed for shipment, the cost of material is added to prices herein quoted.

Important Facts for Tree Planters.

If preparing to set an orchard, or only to plant a few trees for family use, it is vitally important to procure healthy and properly propagated trees of the best varieties, such, too, as can be depended upon to "fit the labels."

To measure up to the requirements of these very important primary essentials demands integrity, practical efficiency, and experienced judgment upon the part of the propagator.

Cheap trees, or plants, uncertain as to genuineness, indifferently and carelessly cultivated and handled, are incalculably dear as a gift.

Trees and plants properly propagated by those who know how, and do as they know; carefully cultivated so as to develop a sound and vigorous root system; dug and handled systematically, are the kind that intelligent and successful planters seek, though first cost may be a little more.

Planters who know and appreciate the value of above facts are the people I prefer to do business with.

The Fruit Trees listed herein have all been carefully propagated from critically chosen, healthy, productive trees, and fit the claim for genuineness, as well as the label for correctness.

Spraying for Scale, and other insects; Scab, and various forms of fungi, is now as essential in fruit-growing as cultivating, pruning, and manuring; thus increasing cost of production. For this reason it is especially important to the grower that he plant the best trees and the best varieties only.

Hundreds of varieties of the different fruits have been tested here in my Trial Orchards during the last thirty years. Those that have proven desirable and valuable are listed in this catalog.

With heartiest thanks for the liberal patronage heretofore received, I respectfully announce a preparedness to serve my friends and customers, with due regard for their interests, as well as my own.

J. W. KERR.

APPLE TREES.

During the last forty years, much careful study and observation given to the collecting and testing on my own grounds, under my personal supervision, hundreds of varieties represented to possess distinctive merit in special and important particulars, has proven a time-absorbing labor presenting many surprises. One vitally important fact disclosed is the greater adaptability of some kinds, as compared with others, to changes of soil and locality. As a practical summary of this testing, the following list of varieties is propagated—by rational methods—and presented to my friends and customers, as embracing the best and most satisfactory obtainable at the present.

PRICES OF TREES, CLEAN, THRIFTY, 2 YEARS OLD:

4 to 5 feet,	20 cts. each,	\$15 per 100,	\$120 per 1,000
3 to 4 "	12 " " "	\$10 " " "	\$ 80 " "

SUMMER VARIETIES.

- YELLOW TRANSPARENT.** One of the earliest to ripen, and with good culture is a profitable market variety. Full medium size; color, light yellow; sharply acid until fully matured; tree upright in habit, bears abundantly, even while trees are quite young.
- THALER.** Similar in season, color, size and quality to the preceding. The tree, however, seems more resistant to twig-blight.
- COLTON.** Slightly above medium size; yellow; good quality; said to be a seedling from "Early Harvest." With me it is a better market variety than its parent, being smoother in form, producing a smaller per cent. of small inferior fruit.
- FOURTH OF JULY.** Medium to large size; more or less striped with red. Tree upright and vigorous in growth. A good market apple.
- EARLY RIPE.** All things considered, this is the most profitable summer apple grown on this peninsula. Slightly above medium size; yellow, uniformly smooth and merchantable. Fine for either family or market orchard. Tree a rapid grower and good bearer.
- WILLIAMS.** Below medium; red. In some localities this is a profitable and popular market apple.
- GOLDEN SWEET.** Above medium to large; greenish yellow; sweet. Tree attains large size; a good bearer, and profitable market apple.
- FANNY.** Medium size; red; good. Tree upright, vigorous, and productive. A fine apple.
- CROSS.** Large; greenish white, faintly striped; good. A handsome and attractive apple. Tree a strong grower and fine bearer. A splendid Maryland variety.
- SUMMER PARADISE.** Large; greenish yellow; sweet. Tree spreading and productive.
- SANDBROOK.** A splendid apple for the family orchard. Fruit slightly under medium size; striped; quality, best. Much like that old favorite, Summer Pearmain, with a better and stronger-growing tree.
- SUMMER KING.** Medium to large; almost entirely covered with stripes of dark red; excellent quality. Tree a vigorous, upright grower, forming a handsome round head in the orchard, and bears abundantly. This variety *may* have a superior for its season, but not to my present knowledge.
- GRAVENSTEIN.** Medium to large size; greenish yellow skin, well striped with red; good quality. A splendid variety for the family orchard, as it spreads its season of ripening over a longer period than most other sorts. It is also a profitable market variety. Tree vigorous, spreading, good bearer.
- MUSTER.** Full medium size; almost covered with dark red stripes; flesh yellow, rich and excellent. Tree somewhat spreading, and a heavy bearer. A very desirable variety for either home use or late summer market.

LATE SUMMER AND FALL APPLES.

- MARYLAND MAIDEN BLUSH.** Medium size; light yellow, more or less blushed, fine quality. Tree a good grower and bearer. A remarkably fine apple, and deservedly popular throughout this peninsula. It

is entirely distinct from the Maiden Blush described by Downing and others, and is far more profitable here, where for a century it has never diminished in popular favor.

- FALLAWATER. Large, to very large; skin greenish; usually more or less blushed. Tree quite vigorous, and productive.
- JEFFERIS. Medium size; covered with stripes of two shades of red. Tree moderately vigorous, forming a close round head; bears freely. This is an apple of very high quality.
- EXCELSIOR. This is an *Eastern Shore* variety, of decided merit, too. Above medium to large size; skin greenish white, nearly covered with stripes of red; good quality. Tree quite upright, vigorous, forming a handsome and symmetrical head; bears abundantly.
- WINE. Large; covered with stripes of red. Tree a rapid grower and good bearer. A magnificent apple when at its best.
- MAGNATE. This variety I have grown and catalogued as Stayman No. 1 for ten years or more. It is now authoritatively named Magnate. Fruit medium size; entirely covered with deep red; good quality. Tree moderately vigorous, somewhat drooping in orchard; good bearer.

WINTER VARIETIES.

- STAYMAN WINESAP. Above medium to large; almost entirely covered with stripes of dark red; best quality. Tree a vigorous grower, drooping in habit. Unrivalled as a market variety of first quality, and unsurpassed in its many desirable features for the family orchard.
- ROME BEAUTY. Large; red; handsome. Tree vigorous grower, and free bearer. A desirable and profitable variety for the commercial orchard.
- YORK IMPERIAL. Above medium size; red; usually oblique in form. Tree fairly vigorous, and very productive. This, too, is a popular and profitable market variety.
- PARAGON. Large; red; very good quality. Tree is vigorous in growth, drooping in habit, and—with me—quite productive. In some localities and soils it is rated as an uncertain and poor bearer. This is the Tennessee Mammoth Black Twig, and though I have in the same orchard the Mammoth Black Twig of Arkansas, which is claimed by some growers to be superior, the difference, if any, is too inconceivably small for me to detect it. They are both good apples. The Arkansas variety has by competent authority been named Arkansas, so that now there is no "Mammoth Black Twig" variety.
- GILBERT. In form, size, and color, this is much like Paragon; both varieties originated with the same party, but the originator pronounced this the better of the two. They are both bearing with me, and are very satisfactory both as to quality and productiveness.
- NERO. This is a popular market variety; fruit medium size, and slightly above when at its best; red. Tree a good grower and bearer.
- STAYMAN No. 2. Medium size; well striped over with red. Tree a vigorous, upright grower, and heavy bearer.
- MATTAMUSKEET. It seems unfortunate that *anything* American should have a name like this, but more especially a good apple, valuable for its long keeping qualities. Its size is medium; color, very dark red. The tree is a strong, upright grower, and a splendid bearer.
- SPRINGDALE. Full medium size; red. Tree vigorous, upright, forming a nice head in orchard. This is a handsome apple and good keeper here.
- BRYANT. Medium size; dark red. Tree very upright in habit, vigorous grower, good bearer and keeper.
- STARK. Large; skin greenish, faintly striped with red. Tree a strong grower and good bearer. This is a fine apple as to quality, but not a long keeper.
- NASHVILLE. Large to very large; yellow; handsome. Tree a free grower, and drooping in habit. This is a very attractive apple, and desirable as a market variety.
- HOWSLEY WINESAP. Full medium size; red. Tree a vigorous grower and good bearer.

In addition to the foregoing list, the following are offered in *one year* growth, $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 ft., at 12 cts. each, \$10 per 100, except where otherwise quoted:

- JONATHAN. Medium size; red; fine quality.
 KING DAVID. Large; red. Highly praised West as a market apple.
 BEN HUR. Large; red. Another Western market variety.
 DELICIOUS. Large; striped over with red; best quality. 20 cts. each.
 GRIMES. Medium size; yellow; fine quality.

CRAB APPLES.

- 3 to 4 ft. 20 cts. each. \$2.00 per doz.
 TRANSCENDENT. Medium size; light red; productive.
 HYSLOP. Above medium size; very dark red or maroon; pretty.
 MARTHA. Medium size; nearly entirely covered with red.
 ALASKA. Below medium size; yellow, blushed, and striped with red.

PEACH TREES.

My stock of peach trees has been propagated very carefully from *healthy* bearing trees; and not only as to entire freedom from disease can they be confidently relied upon, but in the equally important particular of being genuine and true to label. Life is entirely too brief to waste time on inferior trees and worthless fruit. The very best is none too good.

PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.:

4 to 5 ft.,	7 cts. each,	75 cts. per doz.,	\$6.00 per 100,	\$55.00 per 1000
3 to 4 ft.,	5 "	55 "	5.00 "	40.00 "
2 to 3 ft.,	4 "	40 "	3.00 "	30.00 "

- ELRIV. Medium size; free; marbled with red; flesh white; ripens before Troth.
 TROTH. Small; free; red. A good little peach for the family orchard.
 ELROSE. Full medium size; free; red; flesh white; ripens with Mountain Rose.
 FOSTER. Large; free; yellow, blushed with red. A better peach than Crawford Early.
 REEVES. Very large; free; yellow, blushed. A profitable market variety.
 MARY. (Mary Choice.) The revised nomenclature of The American Pomological Society simplifies the old name by eliminating half of it. Fruit very large; yellow, blushed; free; fine, for home use or market.
 ELBERTA. This is the most popular market variety. Everybody knows it.
 BEQUETTE FREE. Very large; flesh white; nearly covered with red. A splendid variety.
 BEQUETTE CLING. Very large; white flesh; blushed. A great cling.
 OLDMIXON FREE. Large; white flesh; red. The standard and acme of quality.
 DENTON. Very large; yellow, blushed; free. An excellent market variety.
 CHAIRS. Large; yellow, blushed; free. A popular market peach.
 CRAWFORD LATE. Large; yellow, blushed; free. An old reliable favorite.
 ORANGE SMOCK. Large; yellow, blushed; free. About the best of the Smock type.
 HEATH. (Heath Cling.) Large; white, blushed. An old favorite in this State.
 TUCKAHOE. Large; white, blushed; free. This ripens after Heath.

The above list is arranged correctly in the order of ripening.

PLUM.

For more than twenty years special effort has been given to collecting and planting in trial orchards here, every variety that I could hear of that possessed any special merit or desirable feature. The *Domestica* or *Europæan* type was soon discarded. The susceptibility of the trees of this group to black knot and leaf blight, together with the tendency of the fruit to rot before maturity, concentrated attention to the varieties springing from native species, and those of the *Tri-flora* or *Japanese* group. After carefully testing about five hundred different kinds, the following list of varieties has been selected for propagating because they have proven more satisfactory than the others. The trees are root-grafted on peach (NOT BUDDED), which places the union of stock and scion below the surface when planted, and in most localities this is plainly advantageous.

Trees two years old, 4 to 6 ft., 20 cts. each, \$15 per 100
" " " 3 to 4 ft., 15 " 12 "

WILDGOOSE GROUP.

- WILDGOOSE. Medium size; red; early. A profitable market variety.
WHITAKER. Very similar to Wildgoose.
MILTON. A little larger, and earlier than Wildgoose; color, red.
SMILEY. Medium size; red. An effective pollinator for above kinds.

CHICKASAW GROUP.

- NEWMAN. Medium size; red; spreads its ripening over a longer period than most kinds. This is very satisfactory as a pollinator for varieties of Wildgoose group, none of which bear freely when planted alone.

WAYLAND GROUP.

These are later in season of ripening, fruit a little smaller; all very productive, and are quite equal to the best Damsons for culinary use.

- WAYLAND. Pinkish red; handsome. Tree vigorous, healthy and pretty.
BENSON. Bright cherry red. Tree quite a strong grower.
MOREMAN. Dark red. Specially fine for spicing.
AURORA. Bright cherry red. Tree rapid in growth.
REED. Clean cherry red. Tree a robust, strong grower, with large, clean, healthy foliage. Quite attractive in bloom, foliage and fruit.

TRI-FLORA OR JAPANESE GROUP.

- ABUNDANCE. Large; skin greenish yellow, nearly covered with red; early; good.
CHABOT. Large; skin greenish, washed almost entirely over with red; later in season by ten days or two weeks than Abundance. Tree upright, a strong grower and great bearer.
RED JUNE. Large; red; quite early.

HYBRID GROUP.

- SIX WEEKS. Medium size; red; very productive. The earliest variety in my collection.
FIRST. Rather under medium size; red; very early, but rots easily.
GONZALES. Bright red; large. Tree a fine grower and very productive.
AMERICA. Large; yellow skin, covered with red when fully ripe. This is an excellent bearer, and quite resistant to brown-rot.
SHIRO. Large; yellow; an easy prey to monilia or brown-rot.
NONA. Medium size; red; very productive.
GOOSE-DYE. Medium size; red. A claimed cross between Wildgoose plum and Dyehouse cherry; productive.
WAUGH. Large; when fully ripe the color is dark red; season latest of this group; fine quality.
COMBINATION. Large; red. Tree distinct in foliage, but does not succeed satisfactorily here.

MINER GROUP.

- SURPRISE. Medium to large; red. Tree a vigorous grower and good bearer.
PRAIRIE FLOWER. Medium size; red; good quality. Tree very productive.

AMERICANA GROUP.

One year, 2 to 4 ft., 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100

These are grown more especially for Western planting, where they succeed better than here, and where they are esteemed more highly.

- STODDARD. Large; coppery red; productive.
ETTA. Large; light red; good quality.
HUNT. Large; dark red; good bearer.
HANSON. Above medium; cherry red; early. Tree a good bearer.
OREN. Large; skin yellow, becoming light red when fully ripe; fine quality.
TERRY. Large; covered with purplish red.
GOLDEN QUEEN. Large; skin yellow, shaded over with light red when matured.

PEARS---STANDARD.

4 to 6 ft., 25 cts. each, \$20 per 100

Bartlett	Kieffer	Tyson
Seckel	Clapp Favorite	Koonce
Lawrence	Ajou	Howell

CHERRY.

One year, 2 to 3 ft., 25 cts. each, \$20 per 100

Tartarian	Ida	Early Richmond	Large Montmorency
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QUINCE.

3 to 4 ft., 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$20 per 100

Rea	Missouri Mammoth	Bentley
Hong-Kong (Chinese) 4 to 6 ft., 50 cts. each.		

JUNEBERRY.

1 to 2 ft., 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10 per 100

A wonderfully productive bush form, producing in great abundance purplish red berries, the size of large huckleberries, ripening with or a little later than late strawberries; sweet, mild flavor; pleasant to the taste, and wholesome.

GOOSEBERRIES.

Well-rooted plants, 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$6.00 per 100

HOUGHTON. A small berry, but very productive, and less subject to mildew than most kinds. A profitable market variety.

DOWNING. Larger than Houghton, and the plant has longer and stiffer spines. A good variety for family use.

JOSLYN. A large red berry. Spines rather stiff for a satisfactory market kind. Plant vigorous and productive. 15 cts. each.

CURRANTS.

Strong, well-rooted plants, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

FAY. Large; red; very prolific. One of the best.

WHITE GRAPE. The finest among the white varieties.

BLACKBERRY.

10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz., \$5.00 per 100

MINNEWASKI. Large, fine; very productive.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PAW-PAW. A shapely, small-sized tree, with large, clean, healthy, deep green foliage. Fruit two to four inches or more in length; skin a greenish yellow when fully matured; flesh custard-like, yellow, very sweet and rich.

ASPARAGUS Plants, 2 years, of the White or Columbia variety, assorted and tied in bunches of 50 each. \$1.00 per 100.

RHUBARB. Plants from divided stools of the *Myatt Lumaeus* variety, the best variety for family use. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz.

GRAPE VINES.

Well-rooted two-year vines, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per doz. --except Concord, which is 10 cts. each, \$4.00 per 100

Black Varieties		Red		White
Moore	McPike	Wyoming	Brighton	Diamond
Campbell	Eaton	Vergennes	Delaware	Niagara
Ohio	Nectar	Jefferson	Berckmans	Martha
Worden	Brown	Ulster	Banner	Pocklington
Concord	Stark-Star			Winchell
Carman				Eclipse

NUT TREES.

CHESTNUTS.

Grafted, 2 to 4 ft., 50 cts. each, \$5.00 per doz.
" 1 to 2 ft., 30 " \$3.00 "

- PARAGON.** Large; sweet. Tree vigorous, bears young and abundantly.
- NUMBO.** Large, fine, handsome nut; later in ripening. Tree a rapid grower, and quite productive.
- RIDGELY.** Not quite as large a nut as the preceding, but good quality. Tree does not form as dense a head as the others, though a rapid grower, and good bearer.
- BLACK.** This is a Japanese variety, and is one of the earliest to ripen. Nut medium to large; not as sweet as those of the European species, but sells readily in the markets at good prices. Tree a rapid grower, bears very young, and heavily.
- MARTIN.** (Japanese). Very large; attractive. Tree vigorous; productive.
- BIDDLE.** (Japanese). Very large, light brown nut. Tree a heavy bearer, producing nuts while very young.
- KERR.** (Japanese). Medium to large; dark colored nut; burrs more or less bald. Tree a good grower, and very productive.

CHINKAPIN.

1½ to 2 ft., (grafted), 75 cts. each.

- RUSH HYBRID.** This is a cross between the Chinkapin and the Chestnut, producing nuts larger in size than the Chinkapin, but retaining the splendor, sweet qualities of that pretty little nut.

WALNUTS.

4 to 5 ft., 25 cts. each, \$2.50 per doz., \$15 per 100

- SIEBOLDI.** (Japanese). A smooth shelled, ovate nut, of excellent quality. Tree rapid in growth, bears young, and abundantly. The foliage is fine in appearance, making a handsome and useful tree.
- CORDIFORMIS.** (Japanese). This bears a smooth shelled, heart shaped nut. The nuts of *both* are borne in clusters having from three to as high as fifteen nuts in a cluster. The kernels are of excellent quality, and the nuts are easily cracked.
- CHAMPION.** (American). An extra fine black walnut. Nut of medium size, with a thin shell, cracks readily, so that kernels are easily extracted—mostly in halves. Of the many black walnuts that I have tested this is the best.
- BUTTERNUT.** (American White Walnut). This is a rough shelled, long nut, with a rich, high quality kernel. The tree grows rapidly, and bears freely. Trees of this, only one year from seed, 10 to 12 inches high, 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz.

SHELLBARK.

Two-year-old seedlings of these, from selected nuts of named varieties—as described below—

10 to 12 inches high, 20 cts. each, \$2.00 per doz.

- DEVEESE.** A large nut, cracks well, fine quality. Tree is a regular and heavy bearer.
- JUMP.** A medium sized nut, cracks splendidly and easily; kernel rich and high flavored. Tree a strong grower and good bearer.
- KERR.** A long, thin shelled nut; easily cracked; good quality. Tree a handsome grower and very productive.
- ROOSEVELT.** A very large nut, with thicker shell than the others; kernels sweet and quality good. Tree vigorous, and productive.

FILBERTS.

Grafted, one foot to fifteen inches, 25 cts. each

Seedlings, one year, 10 to 12 inches, 10 cts. each, \$1.00 per doz.

- IMPERIAL.** Large; oblong; a fine variety.

- BOLLWILLER. Large; a good bearer, and desirable variety.
 ENGLISH. (True). This is the genuine variety, and is a fine, large nut of excellent quality every way.

SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES.

- SILVER OR SOFT MAPLE. 6 to 8 ft., 25 cts. each; 8 to 10 ft., 35 cts. each.
 SUGAR MAPLE. Symmetrical in form, dense head, large foliage. 8 to 10 ft., 50 cts. each.
 NORWAY MAPLE. A very close, round-headed tree; large, dark-green foliage, giving it an imperial grandeur all its own. 6 to 7 ft., 35 cts. each; 8 to 10 ft., 50 cts. each; extra large, 75 cts. each.
 CUT-LEAF MAPLE. A variety of the Soft Maple, graceful and rapid in growth, with finely cut or fringed-like foliage; very distinct and pleasing in appearance. 8 to 10 ft., 50 cts. each.
 CORK-BARK MAPLE. Not so rapid in growth nor so lofty as some others, but regal in beauty of outline and compactness of head, with pretty star-shaped foliage. 6 to 7 ft., 75 cts. each.
 HORSE CHESTNUT. This is a magnificent tree, beautifully proportioned in form of head, with a wealth of fine foliage. 8 to 10 ft., 75 cts. each; extra large size, \$1.00 each.
 LAUREL LEAVED WILLOW. This is a very pretty small-sized tree, with larger foliage than others of same species; leaves glossy and attractive. 4 to 6 ft., 25 cts. each.
 SCARLET WILLOW. A rapid growing tree, pyramidal in outline; the bark on young twigs assuming a scarlet red, presenting a pleasing effect during winter. 5 to 7 ft., 25 cts. each.
 CURLED LEAVED WILLOW. A weeping or Babylonian willow, with oddly curled foliage, interesting to those fond of studying nature's horticultural hieroglyphics. 5 to 7 ft., 40 cts. each.

HARDY FLOWERING SHRUBBERY AND PERENNIALS.

- BUDDLEIA. Flowers in long pendulous racemes; purple; Sept. and Aug. 20 cts. each.
 DEUTZIA—PRIDE OF ROCHESTER. White, very double, profuse bloomer; very pretty. 20 cts. each.
 CRENATA, FLORA PLENA. Pinkish, double and fine. 20 cts.
 EXOCHORDA—GRANDIFLORA. White, single, blooms early in season; very showy. 20 cts.
 FORSYTHIA—FORTUNII. Yellow; blooms quite early in spring in great profusion. 20 cts.
 VIRIDISSIMA. More spreading in habit of bush; yellow; early bloomer. 20 cts.
 HYDRANGEA—ARBORESCENS STERILIS, or Hills of Snow. A charming shrub, wonderfully floriferous, as implied in its name; white. 25 cts. each.
 LILAC—CERULEA SUPERBA. Purple; very pretty. 15 cts.
 ROTHOMAGENSIS. Rose colored, very large clusters, handsome. 20 cts. each.
 COMMON WHITE. White clusters; an old-time favorite. 15 cts.
 LEON SIMON. Dark purple or bluish; very double, very fine. 25 cts. each.
 ALPHONSE LAVALLEE. Dark crimson; very double; large clusters. 25 cts. each.
 JEAN BART. Rose color; very double; handsome. 25 cts. each.
 WEIGELA—GROENEWEGENI. Bright red; prodigal in bloom. 20 cts.
 VAN HOUTII. Light red or rose colored; a lavish bloomer. 20 cts. each.
 SPIREA—THUNBERGI. Small white flowers, appearing early in spring. 20 cts. each.
 VAN HOUTII. White, single; a charming shrub. 20 cts. each.
 JAPAN QUINCE. Both red and white varieties. 15 cts. each.
 PEONIES. Pink, cream, and white; all double. 15 cts. each.
 ERIANTHUS RAVENNA (Elephant Grass). Good plants. 15 cts. each.